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LR 110, 111  
LB 549, 546, 548,  
212

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. The question is shall the Call be raised. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes to raise the Call.

PRESIDENT: The Call is raised. The amendment fails. Next.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President,-- (Read Simon amendment found on page 2046 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: I just want to make a brief comment, then I will make another comment. I'll make two of them. The one thing I wanted to say, and the reason I'm going to mention this is because, since Senator Nichol is planning on reconsidering that and this is the only way that I can talk on this, it seems to me, and I could probably make a valid case to the fact that the people in Elkhorn don't have much of a swimming pool. They may have to drive to Omaha, terrible distance of four or five miles. There is a lot of low income people in Elkhorn too, Senator Nichol. They should have the right to swim. We're concerned about them too. It seems to me that we should be concerned about priorities and we should be concerned about how our tax money is being spent. In fact spending \$100,000 for a swimming pool, or \$120,000 for a ramp, I failed to see the congruity between a swimming pool being people swimming, and a ramp. I didn't understand what the exact correlation was. I guess the point could be made that each one of us has pet projects. Each one of us has areas that we represent. Each one of the people could use more recreational facilities, whether it be in Fremont, Nebraska or Elkhorn, or Waterloo, or Bennington, or Hemingford, or wherever. If we want to each try and carve out an additional \$100,000 for our own pet projects, certainly we can do that. I think it is irresponsible, I think it is ridiculous, but if the Legislature wants to raise taxes this way it can. I will withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte, did you call the previous question?

CLERK: Well he withdrew it.

PRESIDENT: Oh, you withdrew it? Oh, well we only have seven days left. Senator Warner, we have nothing further on the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 549 be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Senator Frank Lewis. The question is before you. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a Committee on Committees report that will be inserted in the Journal. LR 110 will be referred to the Executive Board. Senator Fowler asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 546. Mr. President, a new bill, LB 548. Read title. Mr. President, your Committee on Education reports LB 540 to General File as amended. Mr. President, Senator Kremer asks unanimous consent to print amendments to 212. That is all. (LR 111 referred to the Exec. Board).

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